

Spinak Feted

Mr. Abraham D. Spinak retired from government service late in 1981. He was honored by friends and co-workers at Wallops and UMES. A retirement banquet was given in his honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Hytche, Chancellor of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. University of Maryland's President, Dr. John Toll was present and spoke in Abe's behalf saying, "Abe did more for UMES at a time when most outside organizations paid little or no attention to its academic climate. Abe not only recognized UMES from a professional and organizational point of view but from a deep personal affiliation in order to advance the cause of higher education here on this lower Eastern Shore campus. It is for this reason that we say 'thank you, Abe' and honor a man of his calibre tonight."

At the Wallops affair Mr. Spinak was the recipient of many lovely gifts, good wishes and tongue-in cheek ribbing as well as many letters commenting on his past 33 years of government service such as this one quoted in part from James M. Beggs, NASA Administrator.

"... At this time of your retirement from more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Federal government, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the many contributions you have made to the Nation's aeronautics and space program. You have good reason to look back with pride on your career accomplishments. Your managerial and leadership skills, especially during the 15 years you served as Associate Director of the Wallops Flight Center, have been key factors in the development of an organization capable of managing sounding rocket, balloon, and satellite data correlation measurement programs and providing tracking and data acquisition support for the Nation's major manned and unmanned space flights... As you enter what I sincerely hope will be a long and happy retirement, please do so with the knowledge that your outstanding service to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is greatly appreciated and will certainly be missed..."

Wallops employees join Mr. Beggs and the host of other well wishers in hoping that Mr. Spinak spends at least another 33 years as productive as the past 33.

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Career Programs to be Held for High School Students

The Career Awareness Program for high school students in Accomack County will be held on February 3 and 4. Our gym will again be used for this program and will be closed on February 2, in order to prepare for the students, as well as February 3 and 4. It will re-open for regular use on February 5. Over 360 students are expected to participate in this year's program with assistance from several Wallops employees in the engineering and computer categories.

Wallops personnel will also participate in the Northampton County Career Day to be held at the high school in Eastville on February 25.

Wallops Employees Selected to Participate in Goddard Education Program

This past December Jean Johnson, Edward Petitt, Henrietta Pitts, and Louis Yeshnick were competitively selected to participate in Goddard's Undergraduate Study Education (USE) Program. Through USE participants can for one year use up to 16 hours per week to take job related undergraduate courses at a local college or university of their choice. They were selected from over 30 candidates along with ten other Goddard/Greenbelt employees to participate in this Program. If they maintain a "B" average during this coming year they will be eligible for another year of study through this Program. USE is announced each year usually in October or November to all Goddard employees.
